

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of telephone interviews with Applicant's representative on April 25, 2007 and May 5, 2007.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 1-4, 6-10 and 20-32 are pending in this application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. In particular, the Office Action alleged that claim language "for +" is merely intended use language and thus fails "to add any steps to the claims." While Applicant disagrees, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 22 in order to expedite allowance. The amendments to claims 1 and 22 are identical to proposed claim amendments discussed with the Examiner on May 5, 2007. During that discussion, the Examiner indicated that the amendments place claim 1 and 22 in condition for allowance. All claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

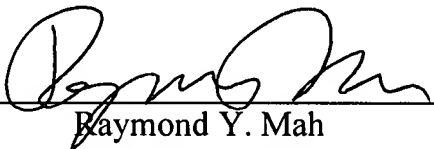
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Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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